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Joint Readiness Training Center Exercise begins this week

Fort Polk, La. –Over 4,000 Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Georgia are currently undergoing training at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

Soldiers training at JRTC are prepared for their participation and deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism through exposure to a number of intense combat scenario events set in a realistic environment. They will be challenged to use their skills against JRTC's 1st Battalion (Airborne), 509th Infantry and select members of the 1-131st Infantry (Air Assault) from the Illinois Army National Guard, the Opposing Force (OPFOR) for JRTC.

The exercise, which began September 6th, will run through September 26th. As a result of the exercise, communities in and around Peason Ridge and North Fort Polk may notice increased military traffic on roads between Alexandria, Peason, and North Fort Polk. Residents will also notice an increase in helicopter flights.

In order to minimize non-rotational traffic in the North Fort Polk training area, all motorists must use alternate routes around the Forward Operations Base and Self Airfield. Temporary barriers are in place to direct traffic flow.

Anyone interested in hunting or fishing on Fort Polk or Peason should call the Game Enforcement Office at (337) 531-5715 or (337) 531-5222.

For more hunting information, call the 24 hour, toll free information line at 1-888-718-3029 for recorded announcements. Also, a complete list of hunting seasons and other hunting information can be found on the Fort Polk homepage: <http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpkhunt>.

If anyone needs to address complaints associated with this training, please call the Public Affairs Line by dialing (337) 531-1431. Callers are encouraged to leave their name and phone number so Fort Polk can address concerns and respond to individual complaints.

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